

**Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, March 21, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Location: Office of Police Complaints
1400I Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

PCB Members Present:

- Kurt Vorndran, Acting Chair
- Commander Morgan Kane (via phone)
- Bobbi Strang
- Jeffrey Tignor

PCB Members Absent:

- Paul Ashton

OPC Staff Present:

- Rochelle Howard, Deputy Director
- Alicia Yass, Legal Counsel
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Anthony Lawrence, Investigator
- Jonathan Thervil, Investigator
- Matthew Graham, Research Analyst

Public Members Present:

- none

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was audio recorded. Mr. Vorndran called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Board roll call, Mr. Ashton was the only Board Member not in attendance.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Adoption of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 17, 2019 PCB meeting. Mr. Tignor made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Strang seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

None

V. Agency Report

Ms. Howard reported that the Use of Force report was published on March 19, 2019. DCist conducted an interview with Ms. Howard about the report.

Ms. Howard reported the Council will hold the agency's budget hearing on March 27, 2019. At this hearing it is expected that there will be discussion on the request for an additional full time investigator, as this was not included in the Mayor's budget. This request is based on the 80% increase in complaint numbers over the past two years.

Policy recommendation #19-1, on using civil lawsuits against MPD to help improve policy, procedures, and training for MPD was issued on March 11, 2019.

MPD is currently conducting their annual Professional Development Training for members. OPC staff is attending these trainings as well.

Staffing update: new investigator Jonathan Thervil joined OPC. OPC is now fully staffed.

Executive Director Tobin went to John Jay College for Criminal Justice to present on a panel about oversight transparency.

Ms. Howard presented at the American University Key Executive Women's Leadership Forum on conflict resolution.

The staff has been attending many area career fairs.

Ms. Andrews presented the investigations statistics. New complaints received numbers have leveled off, maintaining the 80% increase over a few years ago. Current case closure average is 96 days. Mr. Vorndran inquired on if there is any feedback from complainants about the time their cases take. Ms. Andrews reported that most feedback is related to the disposition of the case, not timelines.

VI. New Business

Ms. Strang reported that on March 6, 2019 she was a guest on Ask Racine, and she promoted OPC and encouraged people to report complaints.

OPC hired an IT consultant to review OPC's processes and evaluate where things can be approved. He was in the office to observe on March 19 and 20. A report is expected from him before the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Tignor asked if there have been specific questions about the Use of Force Report from the media. The only media inquiry so far has been from DCist, who interviewed Ms. Howard.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Ms. Strang moved for the meeting to be adjourned. It was seconded by Mr. Tignor, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:27 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6pm.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass